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For: METHOD OF PRODUCING FINE PARTICLES OF METAL OXIDE

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By (Inventors):

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Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence -- This nonprovisional application claims

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A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application(s) is filed herewith.

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